

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| <b><u>Application No.:</u></b> | 10/667,690  | <b><u>Confirmation No.:</u></b> | 9387              |
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| <b><u>For:</u></b>             | SYSTEM AND METHOD<br>FOR DECOUPLING DATA<br>PRESENTATION LAYER<br>AND DATA GATHERING<br>AND STORAGE LAYER IN<br>A DISTRIBUTED DATA<br>PROCESSING SYSTEM |                                 |                   |
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**Amendment**

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the December 29, 2009 Election of Species Requirement issued in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to the December 29, 2009 Election of Species Requirement is due January 29, 2010. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.